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1. IN A BRIEFING MAY 12 FOR BRUSSELS-BASED LABOR ATTACHES,
JAN KULAKOWSKI, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE WORLD CONFEDERATION OF
LABOR (WCL), SAID THAT THE WCL SUPPORTS THE IDEA OF SETTING UP
A PERMANENT INTERNATIONAL LABOR COORDINATING COMMITTEE AGAINST
APARTHEID, AND WILL PRESS FOR CREATION OF SUCH A COMMITTEE AT THE
LABOR CONFERENCE AGAINST APARTHEID TO BE HELD JUNE 10 AND 11 IN
GENEVA.

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2. KULAKOWSKI EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT "EVERYBODY WILL JOIN
THE PERMANENT JOINT LABOR COMMITTEE"--AN IMPLICIT REFERENCE
TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS
(ICFTU), WHICH OPPOSES CREATION OF SUCH A COMMITTEE.
THE COMMUNIST LABOR INTERNATIONAL, THE WORLD FEDERATION OF
TRADE UNIONS (WFTU), HAS AT LEAST SINCE 1973 BEEN LOBBYING
FOR AJOINT LABOR COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD ALLOCATE INTERNATIONAL

LABOR FUNDS IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST APARTHEID.

3. THE JOINT COMMITTEE IS NECESSARY TO HELP OVERTHROW WHITE MINORITY RULE IN SOUTH AFRICA, KULAKOWSKI SAID, AND ARGUED THAT THE NON-COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION ON THE COMMITTEE IS NECESSARY TO PREVENT THE COMMUNISTS FROM DOMINATING THE STRUGGLE FOR SOUTH AFRICA. HE CLAIMED THAT THE WFTU HAD ATTEMPTED TO MONOPOLIZE AN ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE IN LUANDA IN JANUARY, AND HAD FAILED BECAUSE OF THE ACTIVE PRESENCE OF THE WCL AND ITS FRIENDS.

4. KULAKOWSKI WAS ASKED WHETHER THE WCL'S SUPPORT FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE WAS GIVEN WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD COORDINATE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, AND PROBABLY WOULD DO SO IN A WAY THAT WOULD FAVOR GROUPS LINKED WITH THE WFTU.

5. AT KULAKOWSKI'S REQUESTS, COMINIQUE AGUESSY, WCL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICA, WHO ATTENDED THE LUANDA CONFERENCE, RESPONDED TO THIS QUESTION. SHE SAID THAT THE LUANDA CONFERENCE HAD APPROVED ONLY THE IDEA OF A JOINT COMMITTEE, NOT THE PROPOSAL TO CHANNEL ALL ASSISTANCE THROUGH IT. KULAKOWSKI SAID THAT THIS WAS ALSO THE WCL'S POSITION. MOMENTS LATER, HOWEVER, ALMOST IN AN ASIDE, HE SAID THAT IF THE AFRICANS THEMSELVES DECIDED ON A SYSTEM OF APPORTIONING ASSISTANCE, THAT WAS UP TO THEM.

6. COMMENT. KULAKOWSKI'S DESCRIPTION OF THE WCL'S INFLUENCE AT LUANDA IS INFLATED, BUT PROVIDES A USEFUL JUSTIFICATION FOR WCL BOARD MEMBERS WHO, UPON LEARNING THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMINIQUE AGUESSY HAD GONE TO THE LUANDA MEETING, MIGHT HAVE WONDERED WHAT A NICE GIRL LIKE MISS AGUESSY WAS DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THAT. HINTON

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